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1. UWI INFORMS US THAT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PLANS ARE STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE AND THAT UNIVERSITY HOPES TO HAVE CENTER FUNCTIONING BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR. CAVE HILL PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR SIDNEY MARTIN STATED THAT EFFORT WAS NOW UNDERWAY TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CENTER FROM US, UK, CANADIANS AND IDB AND THAT PRO-CHANCELLOR A.Z. PRESTON HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN LETTERS TO THIS EFFECT TO APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. (WE UNDERSTAND US LETTER DIRECTED TO RON VENEZIA OF AID). PRESTON ALSO STATES HE RECENTLY DISCUSSED MATTER RATHER FULLY WITH WHEELER AND VENEZIA OF AID IN JAMAICA.

2. BASIC IDEA OF CENTER REMAINS UNCHANGED, I.E. TO PROVIDE ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE OF 5-MONTHS DURATION FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHERS IN PROJECT EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS. COURSE WOULD BE DESIGNED TO BENEFIT CHIEFLY SENIOR AND MIDDLE-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN PLANNING FIELD. LETTERS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE CONTAINED DRAFT COPY OF REVISED PROPOSAL FOR CENTER, INCLUDING COURSE DESCRIPTION.

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3. REVISED PROPOSAL FOR CENTER DRAFTED BY ALISTAIR MCINTYRE

BEFORE HE LEFT MONA FOR CARICOM SECRETARIAT. MARTIN MENTIONED THAT DR. PRESTON AND MCINTYRE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROJECT WITH AID SOMETIME SOON. EMBOFF DISCLOSED THAT VENEZIA AND OTHERS MAY SOON BE VISITING CDB, POSSIBLY DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4. MARTIN SIAD THAT THIS MIGHT AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING AND THAT HE WOULD SO ADVISE PRESTON. AID MAY WISH TO ARRANGE MEETING THROUGH EMBASSY KINGSTON.

4. SIR ARTHUR LEWIS IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN BARBADOS FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 1975 FOR THREE MONTH LECTURE COMMITMENT AND MARTIN APPARENTLY HOPES THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED AT THAT TIME. SIMMS

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